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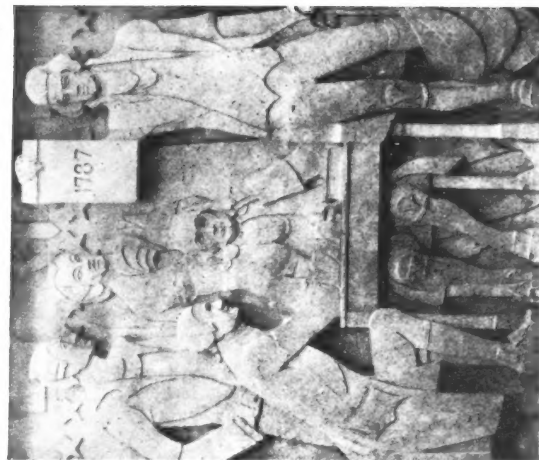
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## To Our Entire Faculty

The term "law school" is really an anomaly. Every school until now has been geared at the development of the individual personality rather than any specific phase of knowledge within which the student is ultimately to become a technician utilizing the accumulated facts and perspective he has received as the tools of his profession. "School" then, connotes a general development toward maturity rather than a detailed course of study to be retained for its practical values and such maturely developed personality is a necessary condition precedent to embarking on this specialized study. At law school, intricacies and hidden meanings were studied along with the obvious, not to teach this body of knowledge, so immense that it staggers the imagination, for its own sake (also a very worthy objective), but for the sake of giving to the attorney destined to lead and protect our society, the equipment necessary to carry out such objective.

Society--democratic free society in particular, is founded on law. The law delineates and defines each man's freedom to the end of creating and preserving greater freedom. Law, though it may temporarily restrict one, is in reality, a means to the greater freedom and ultimate self realization at which democracy aims. The white line on the highway, by way of illustration, restricts the driver, but it makes for greater freedom by thus avoiding the chaos which would result if such laws were not present. Thus it

was that Rousseau, in an impassioned cry proclaimed "Law is Liberty." Liberty is thus preserved by law and it is therefore the legal system which more than anything else, governs the life of the domediaries within any government, especially in these days of expanded government. We, the attorneys who serve and administer this system, are, under any system of logic, the leaders and keepers of society. The power we have is untold and possibly infinite. In unscrupulous or blundering hands, such power becomes dangerous and volatile. At law school, we have been handed a dry powderkeg. What we do with it--our own senses of justice, morality, and responsibility will ultimately shape the future of the society we are called upon to lead.

Every case presents a battle between two antagonists, each having a valid contention on his behalf; otherwise he would not be in court. Once out of law school, cases are no longer merely a vehicle through which difficult concepts of law may be grasped. They take on life and excitement as the rights of man come into conflict with those of his fellow man and the respective attorneys champion the cause they have chosen to represent. The rule against perpetuities no longer remains the metaphysical concept which law students struggle to understand, but will be the factor deciding whether a will stands or falls. Service by publication will no longer mean merely a way of acquiring in rem jurisdiction, but will decide whether or not the starving wife and children of a runaway husband will be provided with their next meal. Law, therefore, in the last analysis, deals with people, and they comprise its life blood. People, therefore, are the key to law, which is itself, the key to all of society.

As attorneys, our duty to our brothers before the Bar and Bench; to our clients; to our democracy of which our legal system is a part; to all of society; if you please, can be capsulized in these three guiding principles--justice, morality, and responsibility. They are the key to all life on this planet.

To these ends, this book is dedicated; to these ends, let us all pledge ourselves.

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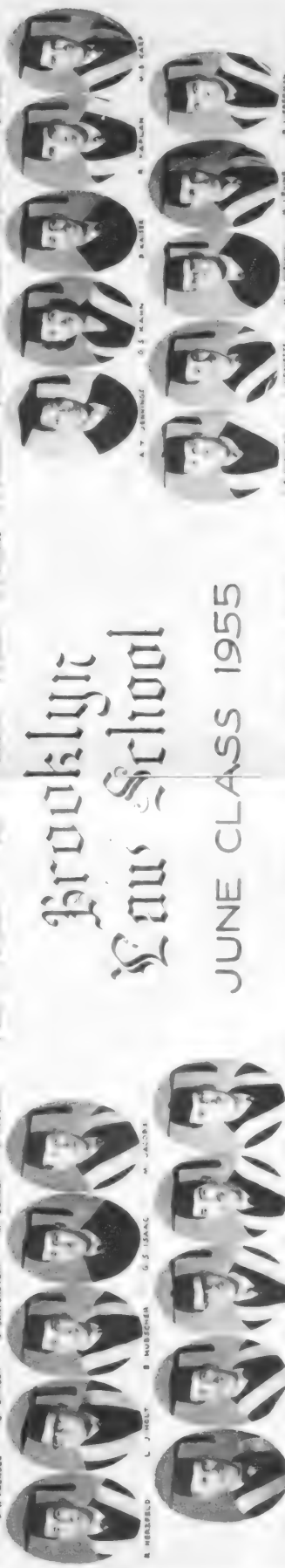
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## DEAN ADDRESSES ALUMNI ON HISTORY OF LAW SCHOOL

[The following is the address given by  
Dean Jerome Prince at the 1954  
Alumni Luncheon.]

The Executive Committee of the Alumni Association has assigned to me the very pleasant task of sketching briefly to you this afternoon the history of Brooklyn Law School. The story of the origin and growth of the Law School is a story well worth telling, for its recital, I am confident, will fill you with a sense of justifiable pride in your own institution.

The story begins shortly before the turn of the century, when, at a convention of teachers of commercial law, the late Dean William Payson Richardson met the late Norman P. Hefley, who at that time directed a business school in Brooklyn bearing his name. Mr. Hefley was of the opinion that the community of Brooklyn was in need of a law school, and you may recall that there was then none in existence in Brooklyn. Early in 1901, after many discussions between them, Dean Richardson and Mr. Hefley cooperated to organize Brooklyn Law School and its first class was held on September 30, 1901, in the Hefley School Building, at 243 Ryerson Street, Brooklyn. There were only five students in that first class, one of whom was the late Francis X. Carmody. A year later the Law School moved from Ryerson Street to a brownstone building at 187 Montague Street, Brooklyn. It seems

that the possessions of the Law School were then so meagre that they were all piled on one cart, and as the cart moved through the streets from the Hefley School Building to Montague Street, one spectator was moved to say: "There goes Brooklyn Law School." This, as many of you know, was Dean Richardson's favorite anecdote.

Mr. Hefley withdrew from the School soon thereafter and the task of supporting the infant institution fell upon Dean Richardson. In 1903, Brooklyn Law School became associated with St. Lawrence University and later became the Department of Law of that University.

From 1903 until the outbreak of World War II, the Law School story is one of almost constant growth and development, in prestige as well as in physical resources. In 1904, to accommodate larger classes, the School moved to the Eagle Building, where it remained until the Fall of 1928, when the School entered its own specially constructed building at 375 Pearl Street, Brooklyn.

When World War II broke out in December of 1941, the effect upon the Law School was almost calamitous. Within a short time, the Law School attendance so dwindled that we had less students in the entire Law School than we were accustomed to have in a single class. Some statistics may be enlightening. In one of the war years, we had only thirty students in the entire day division. This included all three years of law study.

I remember having one of the large classes during that period; a class of fifteen students. We also had some small classes. Bob Sugarman had a class of two students in Partnership. I recall this quite well because one of the two students was unprepared at the first session and the remaining member of the class was required to do all

of the class work that day. I may add that this student resigned a week later, and we decided to cancel the course, thinking a class of one student to be too much of a luxury. During most of this period, there were only three full-time men on the law school faculty. I was one of them. Professor Sealy and Professor Weyrauch were the other two. In one of the war years, Professor Weyrauch went to Albany to assist Hiram Todd on one of his investigations; that left Don Sealy and me as the entire full-time staff. I must confess that we taught a great many subjects, and if the war had continued a few years longer, each of us would probably have taught the entire curriculum. I recall one afternoon during the war when Don Sealy and I were walking to Joe's Restaurant for lunch, Don said to me: "You remember the story told by Dean Richardson about the spectator who said: 'There goes Brooklyn Law School' when he saw the cart moving the Law School equipment from Ryerson Street to Montague Street? Well, some spectator may now, looking at us, say: 'There goes the Brooklyn Law School Faculty.'"

St. Lawrence University, of which we were the Law Department, had considerable financial difficulties of its own. Each of its departments was operating at a substantial loss. So, St. Lawrence University, to reduce its obligations, decided to liquidate the Law School. I have no doubt that the Law School would have disappeared at that time were it not for the efforts of Justice William B. Carswell, the only graduate of the Law School who was then a member of the Board of Trustees. Largely as a result of his efforts, an agreement was entered into in December of 1943, by the terms of which Brooklyn Law School separated from St. Lawrence University and became a separate and independent non-profit institution. A new Board of Trustees was selected and Justice Carswell became its President.

You might be interested to know that Dick Maloney, our new Alumni President, was our attorney at the closing of title in 1943.

We did not pay him for his services then and, although he continues to serve as the Law School counsel, we have consistently adhered to the precedent thus established.

To effect the separation from St. Lawrence University, it was necessary to place a mortgage upon the building, and some of you may recall that we had an Alumni Campaign at that time to raise funds.

We held on, at times somewhat grimly, until the close of World War II, when Brooklyn Law School once more became one of the major law schools in the United States.

We suffered a loss in August of 1945, when Dean William Payson Richardson, who had been Dean for forty-four years, died after a brief illness. He was succeeded by Justice William B. Carswell. I was named Vice-Dean, and later Associate Dean. We suffered another loss in September of 1953, when Dean Carswell unexpectedly died in Canada. Three months later, I was appointed Dean of the Law School.

Now what progress have we made in the fifty-four years of our existence?

Our graduates have achieved prominence in almost every field of endeavor; in the practice of the law, on the bench, in government service, in public life, in the armed forces, in commerce and industry. It may surprise you to know that we have several very distinguished clergymen who are graduates of the Law School. I do not intend to burden you with statistics, but it may be of interest to you to know that in the City of New York alone there are well over fifty judges, from Magistrate to Appellate Division Justices, who are graduates of Brooklyn Law School.

Whenever our students or graduates have come in open competition with the students or graduates of other schools, we have much more than held our own. Our Bar examination results are good, as I think you know. In 1948, The Association of the Bar of the City of New York sponsored for the first time an Inter-Law School Moot Court



# Woman's World

By Jean Wittner

There may conceivably be some excuse for the lay person to be victimized by this hypnotism of the intellect, but for lawyers there is no extenuation. Before completion of any law school's curriculum, one must acquire some acquaintance with the Constitution and legal history of the United States. Mr. Chief Justice Waite, writing in *Minor v. Happersett*, 21 Wall. 162, 22 L. Ed. 627 (1875) declared, "There is no doubt that women may be citizens. They are persons by the Fourteenth Amendment." However, His Honor wound up this charming acknowledgment that the fair sex are human entities, by denying them the right to vote. It was not until they diligently fought for the Nineteenth Amendment that women established their right to a voice in government. But they do have that right now, and it is a part of the Constitution. Since the Constitution is the supreme law of the land, presumably lawyers, in particular, should perceive and preach by practical precept its provisions.

The jibes of fellow students seem sometimes to be inspired by the attitude of their mentors. Some professors, meaning to be kind, refrain from calling on women for recitations, thus sparing them the terror of talking on their feet, which, though well-intentioned, is in itself discrimination. Others take a be-wag in the group is sure to stage whisper: "Why don't you get married and get out of Law School", or, if she is married, "Why don't you stay home and learn to cook!"

A day spent at Brooklyn Law School would attest to the truth of this assertion. Should a female member of the class be called on to recite, some would-be-wag in the group is sure to stage whisper: "Why don't you get married and get out of Law School", or, if she is married, "Why don't you stay home and learn to cook!"

Isn't it strange that women, in spite of the odds against them, have risen to top standing in the profession and fill judgeships competently and admirably; in the teaching of law, they are conspicuous by their absence. Women are acknowledged to be eminently qualified for teaching; as witness, it is always the school mistress of the little log-cabin schoolhouse our history books are filled with and our scribes write of with nostalgia.



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riculum required courses in Legal Research, in Brief Writing, in the preparation of Pleadings, and in laboratory sessions in Trial Practice. We also offer elective courses in Criminal Procedure, in the preparation of Corporate Forms and in the preparation of the commonly employed commercial instruments. The most recent addition to our elective courses is a course in Military Justice.

Brooklyn Law School is today in every sense a non-profit educational institution. It is governed by a Board of Trustees, headed by former Supreme Court Justice Charles C. Lockwood, no member of which receives any compensation. The two Vice-Presidents of the Board are graduates of the Law School and may be known to many of you personally. One of them is Supreme Court Justice Charles N. Cohen, the other is former Corporation Counsel Paul Windels.

I think I have said enough, although considerations of time have required me to sketch developments in broad outlines, to justify my conclusion that we have a thoroughly sound and progressive institution, with standards and with a record of achievement that will bear comparison with any law school in the United States. What we lack is a well informed and active alumni body. I regard it as self-evident that the reputation which a school enjoys among the members of the public is but a reflex of the reputation it enjoys among its own graduates. And no school can enjoy among its own graduates the prestige to which it may justly be entitled unless its graduates know and are interested in the progress which the School has made. For these frankly selfish reasons, I hope that this Luncheon today will mark the rebirth of a strong, healthy, and active Brooklyn Law School Alumni Association.



Competition. In that first Competition, the Brooklyn Law School Moot Court Team won the national title by defeating the Yale University Moot Court Team in the final round. In the six annual competitions held thus far, the Brooklyn Law School Moot Court Team has won three metropolitan championships and this in competition with all the other approved law schools in the City of New York. A prize is given by the Association to the student who is adjudged the outstanding student speaker in the City of New York. The selection is made from among the members of the Moot Court Teams representing all of the law schools in the City. This is an annual prize. In the last six years, on three occasions, a Brooklyn Law School student was selected as the outstanding speaker.

Turning to the Law School itself, I might say that not too many of you know that Brooklyn Law School is today, and since 1937 has been, a school approved by the American Bar Association. This means that we are one of the one hundred and twenty odd approved law schools in the United States. Our requirements have been strengthened and increased. An applicant today is required to have completed a minimum of three years of acceptable college work with a satisfactory scholastic average, and it might interest you to know that well over ninety per cent of our entering class is composed of college graduates.

The normal law school course today is three years in the day, or full-time session, and four years in the evening, or part-time session. We do, however, permit a student to shorten his course to the extent of one semester by attending summer sessions. We have increased the number of credits required for the degree from sixty, which was required about twenty years ago, to seventy-six, the requirement at present. We have attempted to grapple with the vexing but important problem of the extent to which we may profitably help the student to bridge the gap between theory and practice. This we have done by introducing into the cur-

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# Addresses Brooklyn Law School

**TRIAL CLUB  
NEWS**

**REVIEW  
TO APPEAR**

The Trial Club, headed by Professor Mario Pittoni, conducted its regularly scheduled meetings during the month of November during successive weeks, two outstanding trial lawyers, William Henry Spiegelman and Henry Spiegelman, Kleiman, subject of invaluable lectures on criminal and preparatory work.

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# BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL & THE ALSA

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1. National Moot Court Handbook Committee, chairman of which is Mr. Morton Certilman.

Mr. Certilman is preparing a handbook on Moot Courts, which will be ready for the annual ALSA convention to be held this summer.

Brooklyn Law School celebrated

the winter commencement exercises on February 8, 1935, at the Music Hall of the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Hon. Charles C. Lockwood, President of the Board of Trustees, presided.

Some 70 students received the Invocation and Benediction which was rendered by the Rev. Anthony F. Lo Gatto, and then heard the address to the graduating class presented by the Hon. Majer Stein.

presented by Mr. Arthur Penzel delivered the address of the graduating class, and later received his degree, together with Mr. Herman Schwartzman, cum laude. Mr. Morton Povman graduated magna cum laude.

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- 2) Trial by Jury;
- 3) The Supreme Court; and
- 4) Labor Unions.

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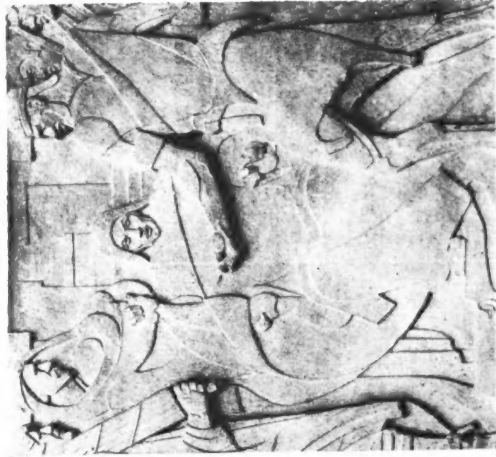
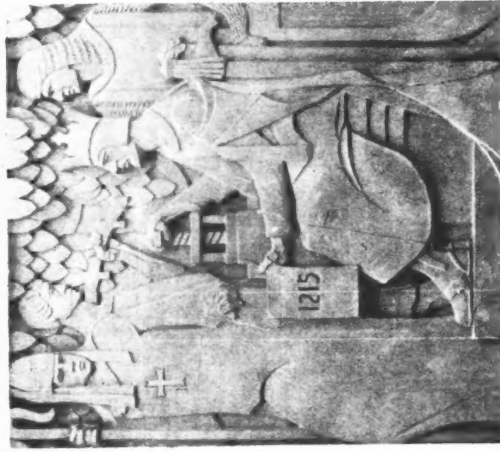


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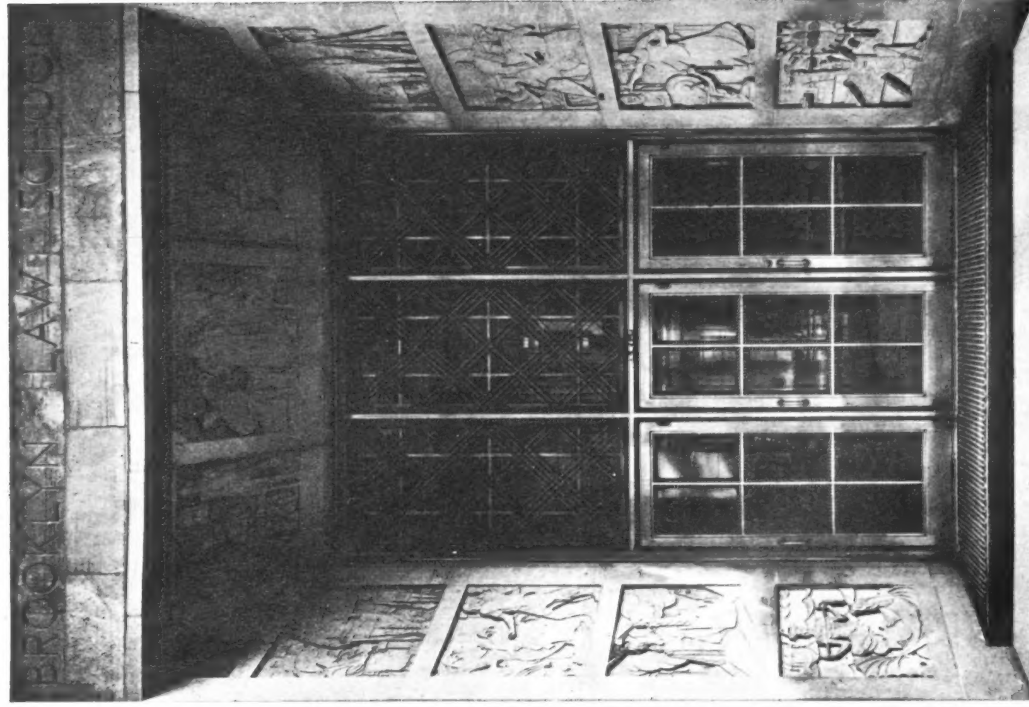
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